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SUBJECT: JAPANESE INTEREST IN POSSIBLE TSCA PRESENTATION
BY EPA/OTS

1. DURING HER RECENT VISIT TO JAPAN, ASSOCIATE EPA ADMIN-
ISTRATOR ALICE POPKIN WAS QUERIED BY DR. FUJI OF THE
JAPANESE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF A TSCA
SEMINAR TO BE PRESENTED IN JAPAN TO INFORM JAPANESE
INDUSTRY. MS. POPKIN INDICATED THAT SHE WOULD PREFER TO
DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL AT EPA BEFORE ANY RESPONSE COULD BE
MADE. THIS CABLE OUTLINES APPROACH THAT COULD BE PUT FORTH
BY POST IN DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE JAPANESE OFFICIALS.
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EPA WOULD APPRECIATE POST ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING THE
APPROPRIATE EPA RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST OF THE JAPANESE
ENVIRONMENT AGENCY.

2. EPA FACING STRAIN ON THEIR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BUDGET
WITH RESPECT TO TSCA ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION, EXPANDING
OTS DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS HAVE RESULTED IN THEIR CAREFUL

EVALUATION OF ALL REQUESTS FOR INTERNATIONAL TSCA SEMINARS.

3. SEVERAL EUROPEAN MEETINGS ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES ARE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL WHICH WILL HAVE BOTH JAPANESE AND US PARTICIPATION. US REPRESENTATIVES WILL INCLUDE THOSE

FROM EPA/OTS. IT IS DESIRABLE, THEREFORE, THAT THE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES AND EPA/OTS PERSONNEL DISCUSS A POSSIBLE JAPANESE SEMINAR ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES DURING THE APRIL EUROPEAN MEETINGS.

4) EPA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES STEVEN JELLINEK WILL ATTEND STOCKHOLM MEETING APRIL 11-13 ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES. DEPARTMENT UNAWARE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES, BUT DISCUSSION ON JAPANESE SEMINAR COULD BE INITIATED AT THAT TIME, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE JAPANESE. EPA UNDERSTANDS THAT ORIGINAL REQUEST TO BE TSCA, GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION AND INVENTORY.

5) EPA DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES DR. MARILYN BRACKEN WILL HEAD THE US TEAM TO THE OECD CHEMICALS GROUP MEETING APRIL 18-20. JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING WAS DR. FUJI, IT IS CONCEIVABLE HE WILL ALSO ATTEND APRIL 18-20 MEETING. DISCUSSIONS INITIATED AT STOCKHOLM COULD CONTINUE IN PARIS.
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IN ADDITION, DR. BRACKEN HAS REPLACED DR. MUIR AS US PROJECT CHAIRMAN FOR PROJECT QUOTE IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES UNQUOTE. DR. BRACKEN WILL WRITE AN INTRODUCTORY LETTER TO DR. FUJI SHORTLY.

6) EPA RELUCTANT TO COMMIT ANY TIME OR RESOURCES TO A JAPANESE SEMINAR ON TSCA UNTIL THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. EPA MAY SURFACE THE POSSIBILITY OF JAPANESE UNDERWRITING COST OF THE SEMINAR INCLUDING TRAVEL OF EPA PERSONNEL. ANY DECISIONS ALONG THE LINES OF A SEMINAR WOULD BE ENHANCED IF IT COULD BE TIED TO ANOTHER MEETING SO THAT RESOURCES COULD BE MAXIMIZED. IT IS UNCERTAIN, HOWEVER, WHAT LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT IS SOUGHT BY DR. FUJI IN THIS MATTER.

7) PLEASE ADVISE AS TO THE RESULT OF POST DISCUSSIONS ON THIS TOPIC WITH THE JAPANESE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY. EPA WILL PREPARE ACCORDINGLY PRIOR TO ITS EUROPEAN MEETINGS IN APRIL. COOPER

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